

Council President Mike Mangan YouTube Update:

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In the past week, according to the Monmouth County Health Department, the Borough of Manasquan has experienced an increase of approximately 23 confirmed cases of COVID-19, several of which were confirmed to be employees of the Beach and Recreation Departments.

CDC and County Board of Health protocols have been strictly adhered to by the Borough in response to these cases. These protocols include contact tracing, testing, isolating and quarantining of all employees who may have been exposed to infected individuals.

The Borough has conferred closely with the Monmouth County Board of Health over the past week to ensure that the Borough's response to this recent COVID uptick complies with the highest standard of health and safety practices as outlined by CDC and the State Board of Health.

2020 Summer Recreation Program Canceled

Due to staff availability and the limited options for program modification to comply with enhanced social distancing measures, the remainder of the 2020 Summer Recreation program has been canceled and refunds will be issued.

2020 Junior Guard Program to Resume on Monday

The Junior Guard program will resume at 8:30am on Monday with increased social distancing measures and increased reporting requirements on the part of all participants. Every morning each participant will complete a questionnaire confirming that they have had no symptoms or exposures. Further, the program participant groups will be strictly segmented into "cohorts" to further limit the potential spread of the virus among age groups should any future positive cases emerge. The Borough is confident that this program can continue while adhering to State and County health guidelines. Any participant who do not wish to continue with the program will be issued a refund.

Beach Badge Sale Daily Limit

Beginning Friday, July 17, 2020, the Manasquan Beach Department will employ enhanced measures to control potential beach overcrowding. The sale of beach badges (inclusive of all varieties, i.e. daily, weekly, seasonal) will be limited to 1,000 per day on Saturdays and Sundays. Further, if warranted in the judgment of beach management, certain beaches that have reached capacity will be closed to further access and patrons will be directed to less crowded beaches.

Electronic "variable message board" signs which have been positioned on Stockton Lake Boulevard, North Main Street (at the entrance to the public parking lot just south of Atlantic Ave.) and Brielle Road will be programmed to alert beachgoers arriving in town that badge sales have been halted (and that the beach parking lots are at capacity when that status has been reached).

Beach Department COVID-19 Protocols

The Beach Department Staff is comprised of the lifeguard contingent, beach maintenance crew, beach patrol, badge checkers, bathroom monitors, parking lot attendants and office staff. Many of these protocols were already in place and will be expanded upon and enhanced going forward.

The following are standard practices of the Staff:

- 1. Daily screening of employees including temperature checks
- 2. All work teams are deployed in a segmented "cohort" fashion.
- 3. Masks are to be worn at all times.*
- 4. All equipment is sanitized at the end of every workday.
- 5. Lifeguards who sit in pairs are permanent partners or are of the same family.
- 6. Vehicles will be operated by single operators*
- 7. 6 Foot distancing will be adhered to at all times*

Additional Measures

The Borough will continue to monitor developments as they occur and will make any changes needed to any of the program or staff policies in place to ensure the highest level of safety for everyone involved. If at any time the Borough feels it cannot meet this standard the program or initiative will be amended, suspended, or cancelled as required.

^{*}There will be limited unavoidable exceptions to this rule.